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Supporting	25.00 annually
Contributing	10.00 annually
Active	5.00 annually
Associate	2.00 annually

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To the ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE OF BOSTON:

I give, devise and bequeath the sum of . . . . . dollars, and the real estate situated at No. . . . . Street, in the city (or town) of . . . . . .

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"We're In Love!"

Elsewhere in this magazine will be found a report covering pet adoptions made by the League, together with expressions by new owners who have found their pets to be a happy experience. Perhaps the feelings of all were best summed up by the lady, reporting on her new pet, who wrote us a three-word letter saying, "We're in love!"

Love can and does mean concern and responsibility to another. A definition of love is ". . . unselfish concern that freely accepts another and seeks his good." This is the premise on which the pet adoption service of the Animal Rescue League of Boston is based.

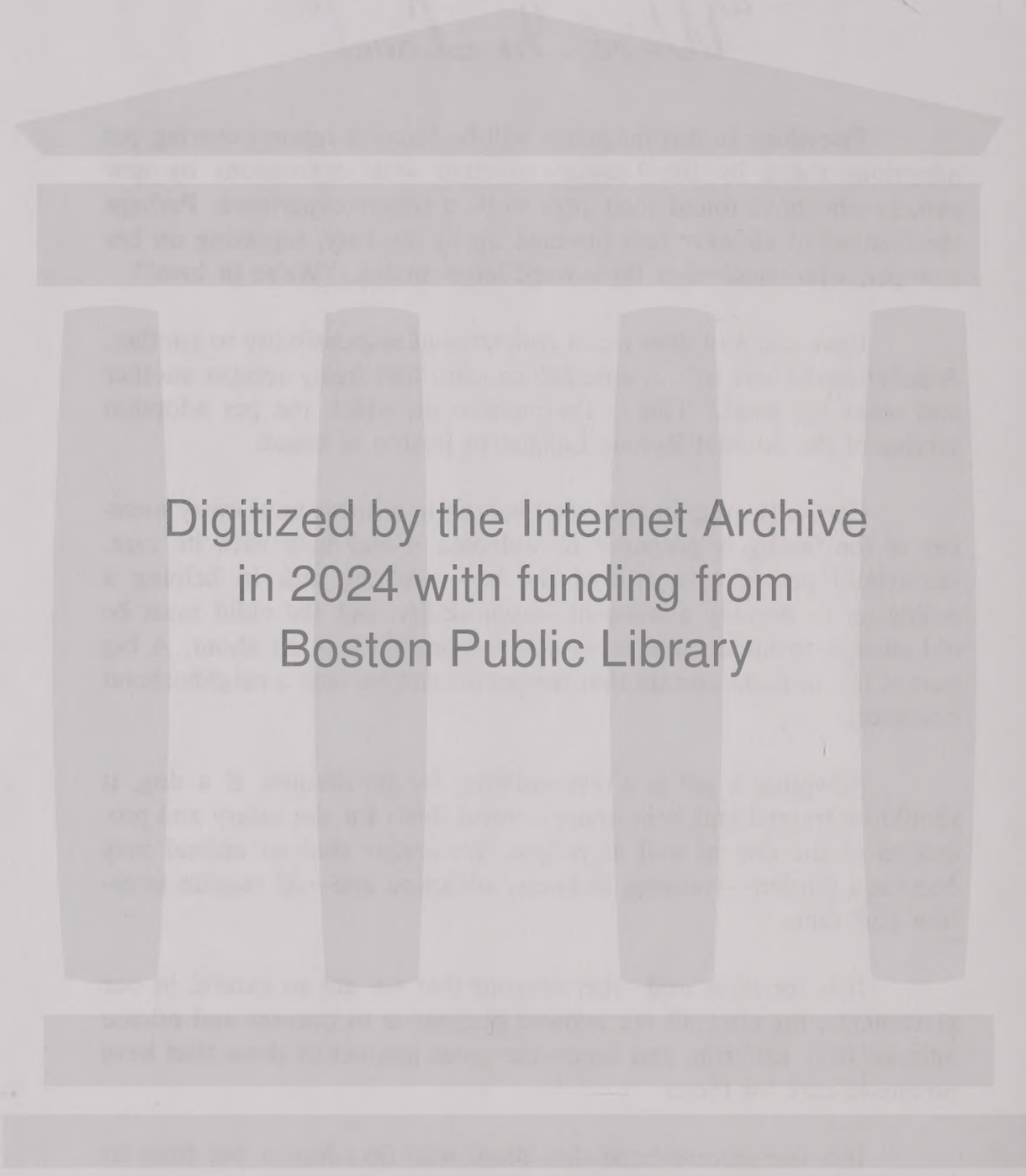
Certainly an animal doesn't belong in a home until every member of the family is prepared to welcome it and help with its care. Household pets can be one of the best teaching aids in helping a youngster to develop a sense of responsibility, but the child must be old enough to understand what this responsibility is all about. A big part of it is to make certain that the pet doesn't become a neighborhood nuisance.

Adopting a pet is a responsibility for its lifetime. If a dog, it should be trained and kept under control, both for the safety and protection of the dog as well as people. We realize that an animal may become a burden—training, sickness, advanced age—all require attention and time.

It is for these and other reasons that we are so careful in our placements, for after all our avowed purpose is to prevent and release animals from suffering and lessen the great number of those that have no one to care for them.

It is our sincere hope that those who do adopt a pet from us can later say, "We're in love!"—and mean it.

C.E.B.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ANNUAL REPORT OF SERVICE TO ANIMALS

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► THE CASES ARE MANY and the circumstances vary, but the work of the Animal Rescue League of Boston continues to be a vital one in the lives of both animals and people. There have been the usual rescues of pets in distress, a satisfying increase in animal adoptions, continued progress in the fields of humane education and livestock conservation and encouraging developments in other areas of service for animals.

In retrospect, 1970 was an important year, a year to review and renew. From a physical standpoint a major renewal program was begun at Headquarters. After fourteen years various wall surfaces needed re-newing in the shelter, and this was accomplished by installing a light and cheery formica wall board. Also, one kennel area was completely remodeled, using ceramic tile for siding and partitions. Our clinic took on a bright, clean appearance as formica siding was installed in the waiting room and corridor areas and booths, trim and work rooms repainted in cheery colors. The veterinary staff also is using a new, updated X-ray machine and inhalation anesthesia equipment purchased during the year.

Our year was saddened by the passing of Francis T. Baldwin, a long-time League director. Mr. Baldwin had served as a member of the Board since 1955 and was greatly respected by his colleagues for his wise counsel and warm and sympathetic understanding of the needs of God's lesser creatures. By resignation, we also lost another competent director when Mrs. Samuel Baugh moved to Bermuda to take residence there. Mrs. Baugh, who has a sincere and devoted interest in animals, will be remembered by many of our readers as Chairman of the League's annual Animal Kingdom Day. To her we extend our best wishes for happiness in her new home and sincere thanks for all she has done over the years for this Society.

We hope you will read the pages which follow which relate some of the work, thoughts and experiences of the League's several departments. We assure you it makes interesting reading.

ANNUAL MEETING

Animal Rescue League of Boston

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 1971 • 2:30 P.M.

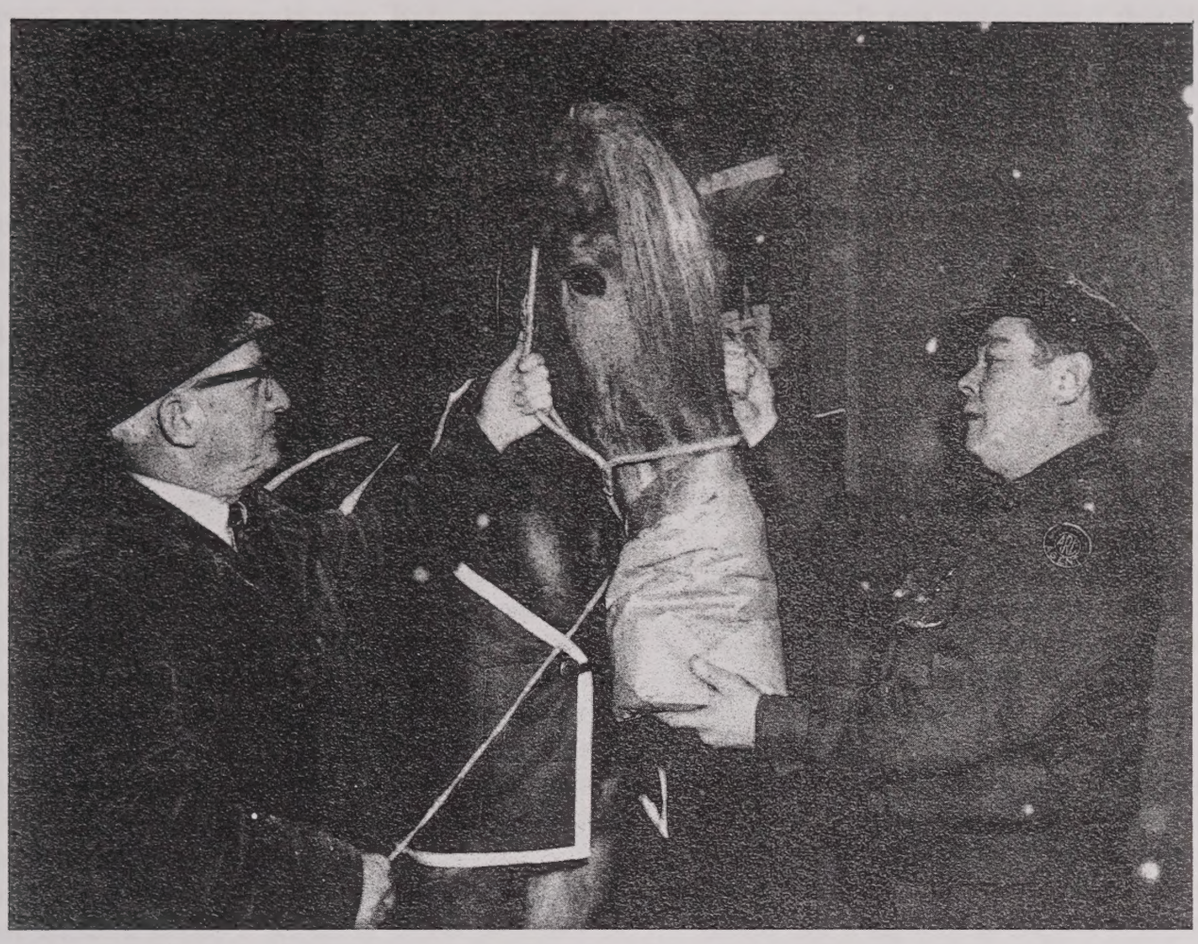
Auditorium, League Headquarters, Corner Tremont and Arlington Streets

Guest Speaker—Thomas T. Becker, Executive Director, New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

Mr. Becker's topic will be

THE USE OF ANIMALS IN THE TREATMENT OF EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED CHILDREN

Please come and bring a friend



Inspector Walter Robinson and Agent Charles Robertson provide a Christmas dinner and a blanket to one of Boston's horses, continuing a program carried on for many years by the League.

INSPECTION, INVESTIGATION AND QUARANTINE

THE WORK OF our Investigation and Inspection Department is truly a vital aspect of our humane program. It reaches the lives of thousands of animals each year in the field who never have a reason to come into our shelters. It is this on-the-spot inspection and supervision that is so important to a truly well-rounded program. It is through this effort that we see almost every type of animal you could imagine. The inspection of animals under the actual care of their owners on the owner's premises can not be replaced in any other effective way. These animals run the gamut from hamsters in pet shops to livestock handling at public auctions and elephants in traveling shows. It is no wonder that the inspectors doing this work need and gain a wide experience in animal science. They do not pretend to be experts on everything, but they must be able to evaluate and handle many challenging situations and know their own limitations and when to call in experts related to the problems they meet. If there is one fact that remains constant over the years about an inspector's work, it is the fact that no two cases are ever alike and each one requires an approach of its own. Many of the cases today are the result of ignorance and lack of attention to the animals' needs and this usually requires an educational approach to bring about a correction. The violent acts of cruelty are probably not as frequent in our present society, but they still do occur in alarming ways. In either case, the suffering of the animals can be just as real regardless of the cause.

Last March a tenant in a Boston apartment complex called us to aid a stray, injured puppy that was lying on the sidewalk in front of her apartment. One of our ambulance agents went to get the puppy, but the dog was dead on his arrival. He talked with the woman who had called and learned that the dog's injury was the result of a ten-year-old boy in the building throwing the puppy out of a second story window.

These facts were turned over to our Investigation Department and Inspector Walter Robinson was assigned to the case. Investigation disclosed that the boy had been in trouble previously and was presently on probation from the Juvenile Court. This case was discussed with the court officials, and it was decided that the boy should be sent to an institution where he could receive psychiatric care, and the Juvenile Court continued its supervision of the boy.

A frantic call came from a woman in Dorchester to assist a stray dog that had been shot in the street in front of her home. An ambulance agent was in the area and a radio dispatch got him to the scene in minutes. Upon arrival he had to take shelter in a nearby building because a sniper was still in the third floor window of a building across the street from the injured dog. When the police arrived and provided some protection, the dog was removed and brought to our clinic. The bullet was removed and turned over to Boston police ballistics officials. The dog died later the same day. Our investigators worked with the Boston police in an investigation of the shooting, but no witnesses could be found and the rifle used was never located, in spite of the searching of possible persons and apartments in the neighborhood. The shots came from a vacant apartment.

Last July, we received a complaint from the Rhode Island S.P.C.A. about a traveling circus that had an eight-pony hitch that they used for giving rides. Two of the ponies had had girth sores and the Rhode Island humane officials had not permitted their use. The show was scheduled for Cape Cod, so Donald Westover of our Brewster shelter was put on the alert. He found the pony ride act in Hyannisport and stopped the use of the two ponies with open sores. The pony ride operator decided at this point to close down and move on to his next location in Andover, Massachusetts. There he was met by Inspectors Robinson and Van Teyens of our Boston office. At their insistence, veterinary treatment was obtained and the ponies were ordered from further use until fit for work. The next stop for the show was Manchester, New Hampshire, so we called the Animal Rescue League of Manchester in order to insure continued supervision of the treatment of the ponies. The supervision of such cases by the National Inspection Program of the American Humane Association has become a great asset to the care of animals that travel from place to place and cross many state lines. It demonstrates the fine spirit of cooperation among humane organizations throughout the country.

A complaint from Everett, Massachusetts, related a story about a large dog that was kept 24 hours a day in a dark, unheated basement where he had been for over a year. It was also reported that the dog was not fed on a regular basis. This report may have been well-intended, but it proved to be completely false. The dog was well fed and cared for and was receiving daily outdoor exercise. It did spend some time in the basement, but this was in a finished and heated family room. The lady who owned the dog was so impressed with the League's concern for animals and the attitude of our inspector that she called Mr. Slade, our Director of Operations, and arranged to become a member of the League.

Last January a woman called to report that her neighbor's Collie was tied outdoors all day without shelter or protection from the bitter cold weather. The dog was chained near a small shed that might have given him some shelter, but it was so filled with junk that the dog could not get inside. After a talk with the owners, they agreed to keep the dog indoors during the real cold weather except for short periods of exercise. They also agreed to provide him with a more suitable doghouse.

Horses and ponies have increased in number in recent years and so have the complaints concerning them. A complainant from the South Shore called to tell of a pony being kept in the garage of a neighbor's home and it was not being fed. Inspector Robinson found the complaint to be essentially true, but fortunately it had not been so for any length of time. The owner was having financial difficulties and had neglected to buy any feed or hay for the pony. Mr. Robinson got him some hay for the immediate emergency with a stern warning to feed the pony properly or sell him to someone who could care for him, or we would take court action to correct the situation. The owner was a bit resentful at first, but when he realized we meant business, he became cooperative and secured ample hay and grain and straw for bedding. Our visits continue, however, to insure proper care of the pony.

This past Christmas season saw our inspection staff once again expressing the true spirit of the Christmas holidays by delivering 444 Christmas dinners to deserving horses in Eastern Massachusetts. This has been a tradition of the League for many, many years.

Our Quarantine Department has handled hundreds of animal bite cases in its never ending efforts to control the dread disease of rabies in the City of Boston. We are grateful that not a single case was found in the course of these inspections. We quarantine for ten days all reported animal bite cases within the city. The majority of these are dog and cat bites but during the year 1970 we quarantined a pony, eight gerbils, five monkeys, one raccoon, two rats and a rabbit.

COLLECTION SERVICE

► THE STAFF OF six drivers in our Collection Service completed more than 22,000 calls last year in our constant service to animals in the Greater Boston community. These calls included requests to pick up unwanted animals from their owners, the capture and removal of all types of strays, aid to sick and injured animals in all sorts of conditions and the rescue of ones in distress.

A distressing situation for both a dog and our agent developed last fall when agent Jim Sears responded to a call to assist a German Shepherd that had either fallen or crawled onto a ledge part way down a steep embankment. There was no way for a man to reach the dog from the top of the hill, so the agent secured a long ladder and approached the problem from below. He climbed above the top of the ladder and with a rope sling tied around the dog, he tried to lower him to the ground. This technique was abandoned when the dog became frightened and the agent feared he might fall in his struggle to get out of the sling. At this point, Mr. Sears got a good grip on the dog, placed him over his shoulder and carried him down the ladder in true fireman fashion. The dog was later returned to his owner with the strong suggestion that he not be allowed to wander near the embankment in the future.

A Boston automobile dealer called for assistance to help remove a cat that was caught in the engine of a customer's car. The efforts of the mechanic and our agent were successful in finally getting the cat untangled and free of the mechanical monster that had trapped it. The cat was injured from the ordeal and was brought to our clinic where it was X-rayed and then treated for several severe cuts and bruises. The owner of the car told our agent that he was a salesman, and he believed the cat must have gotten in the car at his last stop because he had not had any trouble with his car previous to that time. On a chance that this was true, we took the name and address of his last customer and contacted the lady. When she answered the telephone, she apologized for taking so long in answering, but explained that she had been outdoors looking for her cat that had gotten out when a salesman came to her door. We told her of our reason for calling and she agreed to come in immediately to identify the cat we had rescued. Upon her arrival, she recognized her long-time pet and took her to her own veterinarian for continued treatment.

Agent Charles Reed with "Duke" who was found abandoned outside the Herald-Traveler office. (See story in Lost & Found section.)

Another Boston feline managed to get itself into a precarious position between the walls of a frozen food locker in a food storage warehouse. Because of the size and height of the freezer, the rescue was made more difficult for agent Charles Reed who had to work from the top of the freezing unit with a limited and dark view of the cat's location. Mr. Reed worked for nearly two hours until he finally lifted the cat to safety.

On a bitter cold day this winter, the MDC Police reported an injured dog was on the ice in the middle of a pond near an MDC skating rink. Agent Charles Robertson was contacted on his two-way radio and went to the pond. The dog had apparently been hit by a car and crawled out on the ice in a crazed effort to reach home. Exhaustion and rear leg injuries prevented his doing this and he was unable to move. Seeing the dog's pitiful situation, Mr. Robertson worked his way over the ice and carried the grateful pet to his waiting ambulance. Mr. Robertson recalled later that he was glad the ice held him because to quote Charlie, "I can't swim." The dog was treated at our clinic and the dog's owner was contacted promptly due to the dog license tag on his collar.

The ducks along the Charles River are a source of interest and pleasure to many commuters. Again this winter, we were called by some of the people who feared the ducks were frozen in the ice and unable to fly. Two agents carefully inspected all the flocks and fortunately found they were all free and able to take off when they wished to move.

Early one evening a Boston woman called for help for her playful Doberman Pinscher. The dog was

playing with a ball in the living room and tried to chase it under the heating unit. In his zeal to get the ball, he got his head caught under the radiator and was screaming in fright. We advised her how to lubricate the dog's head with cooking oil and dispatched our night emergency agent. The dog, with the help of its owner, was free by the time the agent arrived, but she expressed her gratitude for the agent's prompt response.

Following a rather severe coastal storm, a Somerville resident called to report that a sea gull was caught in a tree and was unable to try and fly because of a broken wing. Agent Jim Andrews went to the scene and with the help of his cat pole and a net, he was able to rescue the bird by climbing on the roof of a house adjacent to the tree. The gull was really in a helpless condition because he had one leg caught in a crotch of the tree and one wing caught in a branch. Examination of the bird disclosed that he had a broken leg, a broken wing and other internal injuries, so it was deemed necessary to put him to sleep.

A Winthrop resident called us last summer to report that a harbor seal was lying on a raft that was used for offshore swimming. The caller was concerned because the seal had apparently not moved from this location for several days, and she believed it might be either sick or injured. Inspector Roger Van Teyens and agent Charles Reed went to the beach and observed the fact that there were two seals on the raft who appeared to be sunning themselves. A small boat passed near the raft and the two seals jumped into the water with considerable energy. They were obviously more than able to manage for themselves. The important fact of this case is that someone noticed the seals and cared enough to call, and a humane organization was there and willing to check on a possible animal in need of help. The job of an agent may not always be easy, but it is never dull.

We have been relating just a few of the more noteworthy experiences of our Collection Service, but each agent has had many similar happenings in his day-to-day routine. They answered many calls for cats in trees and each of these had its own problems and challenges. They were always active in their efforts to control packs of dogs in Boston. Unspayed female dogs in housing project areas have been especially troublesome. We even had one agent robbed while he was on an otherwise routine call. Dogs and cats have both been rescued from roof tops, fire-escapes and window ledges. To sum it all up, it has been a busy year.

LOST AND FOUND

► The Lost and Found Department in many ways is the nerve center of a lot of our animal operations. They do the obvious lost and found work, but in addition, they keep a daily record of the number of animals in the shelter and their going and coming to and from the shelter. This includes the pets adopted from our Placement Department. Except for the clinic activities, they are the pulse of nearly all of our small animal activities that occur here in the shelter. They keep track of how long animals have been in the shelter, when they are available for adoption, what animals are being held for special reasons and why, and handle the identification and control of animals in the shelter. Each animal is identified with a numbered tag and an identification band as a collar. The tag number and identification band correspond to records on that animal in a master record book. Thus they have a description of the animal and can tell from whom and where the animal came, the date it was received, what inoculations we have given it, whether it is a stray or owned animal, what identification a stray may be wearing and to whom it is returned if it is reclaimed and the name and address of the new owner if it is adopted through our Placement Department. This work obviously requires a lot of record keeping and attention to detail.

The interest and work of the department touches the lives of many people concerned for misfortune of lost pets. Last July even the busy Honorable Kevin H. White, Mayor of Boston, became involved with a lost dog. He found a bewildered and obviously lost little dog on his way home one evening from City Hall and befriended him by taking him home and caring for him over-night. The next morning he had two police officers bring the little fellow to our shelter. The dog was wearing an old 1968 dog license tag and through this means we were able to identify and contact the owner. They were of course pleased to learn their pet was safe, and after obtaining a current dog license, "Dusty" was reunited with his family.

Because of the Mayor's personal concern for "Dusty," our Vice-President Earl E. Wentzel, wrote to Mayor White and told him of the happy outcome. A few days later, Mr. Wentzel received the following reply from the Mayor:

> "Thank you for your letter. I sincerely appreciate the job done by the Animal Rescue League in returning Dusty to its owner. I know that this

One of the League waifs receives a Christmas treat of French "People Crackers" from Santa Claus in the person of James Bryant.

is just one example of the care and dedication which your people give to all the animals which they help. I am very happy to have been able to help."

Not all of the stray pets we receive live as close to Boston as the one Mayor White found. The police from a suburban town north of Boston sent in a lovely Irish Setter that had been found roaming the streets. Examination of the collar worn by the dog disclosed that it was wearing a 1970 Newark, New Jersey, license tag. We wrote immediately to the authorities in New Jersey and obtained the name and address of the registered owner. This was followed with a certified letter to the owner informing him that we had the dog and when and how he could claim him. A day or two later we received two telephone calls. One was from the grateful owner who was responding to our letter and the other was from his mother whom he had been visiting when he lost the dog. She had also had a call from the dog's owner and she wanted to be sure we knew her son was aware we had the dog and that he would come for him. Two days later, the young man drove from New Jersey to Boston to get his canine friend.

Every dog that is adopted from the League is given a temporary license tag that bears the League's name and telephone number and a number that identifies it with its new owner. Many times these tags have enabled us to return a dog to its family, especially when the dog is new to its surroundings. One of these tags served this purpose and another one besides. The Newton Police called and said they were requesting our help in a rather unusual case. They had found a very young child who was lost and she was unable to tell them her name or where she lived. The only identification with the little girl was her companion in the form of a small dog wearing a collar with a League tag on it. We promptly gave the police the owner's name, address and telephone number and in a matter of minutes, the child and pet were reunited with her family. When the mother called us a short while later to thank us for our help in the case, we learned that the family had recently moved to that address and neither the child nor the dog knew its way home.

We recently had a stray German Shepherd turned in from a MBTA train station in Boston. The dog was wearing a Vermont dog license and we were about to trace this identification when we noticed a plate on his collar that said "Seeing Eye, Morristown, New Jersey". Realizing that the blind person who had lost the dog must be looking for him, we called the Boston Police on the chance that they had received some local word about it. Their operator remembered a call from a Brighton man who had called the night before reporting the loss of his guide dog. We were unable to locate a phone number for him and we were about to send an inspector to his home when he called us. Needless to say, he came in a matter of an hour to recover his companion and guide. He had just moved here from Vermont and had not had time to get a Boston license for the dog and the dog had become confused when he went out for exercise in his new surroundings. It is rare for such dogs to get lost because of their excellent training.

Dogs are often said to be man's best friend and they have served their human friends in many ways throughout history, but perhaps no service and friendship is greater than that demonstrated by a guide dog to his sightless master. To see the expression on the face of this young, blind man when he touched his dog and knew he had really found him was indeed a rewarding and moving experience. The dog's reaction was just as heartwarming.

Last September a policeman on special assignment found a large German Shepherd wandering around near the lobby of the Boston Herald Traveler. The dog was friendly and the officer looked at his collar

for some possible identification. To his surprise, he found a note written on a rolled-up piece of paper and tucked under his collar. The note said, "My name is Duke," and it went on to explain that he was three years old and had received all his inoculations. The note further stated, "My family has to move and I can't go—please take care of me." The policeman notified the League of his discovery and agent Charles Reed went to the lobby of the H-T building and brought Duke to the shelter. The Herald Traveler made Duke's story the feature article in their "Good Neighbors" column the following day along with a picture of Duke and Mr. Reed. We held Duke as a stray for ten days and during that time fed him some good food to fatten him up a bit and treated him for a few ills, including internal parasites. During this time we received many calls and letters from all over Massachusetts and some from neighboring states. They all wanted to know how Duke was doing and each one offered to give Duke a new home. We compiled a list of these people and when it came time to find Duke a new home, our Investigation Department made a number of visits to these people to try and select the best location. We ran into several complications as we went down the list, but finally we found a good home for Duke with a family outside the Boston area and at last reports, Duke was doing fine. How much simpler and easier it would have been for Duke and our staff if the original owner had brought him to us in the beginning rather than abandoning him to fend for himself.

If our Lost and Found staff could give but one word of advice to every dog owner, that word would be IDENTIFICATION. A proper and current dog license securely fastened to your dog's collar makes identification a simple matter and enables you to prove your ownership. Please remember to buy your dog a new license in April and be sure he wears it.

PET PLACEMENT

➤ The Placement Department is always a busy and fascinating part of our animal welfare program in action. It is interesting to observe that people from all walks of life come to us looking for pets to suit their needs and circumstances. It then becomes the job of our placement staff to interview these people and steer them in the proper direction so that the end result is a pet in a happy home with a family that has the interest and desire to give it loving care. This might seem to be a relatively simple thing to do, and in some cases it proves to be, but many times these people have mistaken notions and have not stopped to realize all the factors and requirements involved in owning a pet. We try to set these matters right before a placement is considered and this can sometimes even result in our refusing a placement.

We recall the very nice young, married couple who came in one day and said they wanted a very young puppy because it was small and did not require as much attention. It was pointed out to them that the space a small puppy requires may not be too great, but when it comes to feeding, inoculations, housebreaking and other training and the overall general care, a puppy does indeed require a tremendous amount of time and attention. Normally there should be someone at home with him most of the time to see to these needs and certainly this is not the pet for two people who both work all day. This couple decided to give the whole idea a bit more consideration.

It is also probably unwise for most people with very young children to consider adopting infant pets. This is often a mutual misfortune for child and pet. The very young child does not realize that squeezing and pulling the pet is apt to injure it seriously and in its attempt to escape injury, the pet is likely to scratch and bite and thereby harm the child. The teeth and claws of kittens and puppies are known for being needle sharp.

Once again it all comes back to placing the right animal in the right home with people who will give it the proper care and understanding of its needs. This we always try to do with a careful interview and instructions from our shelter and veterinary staff. Many of our new pet owners have found this to be a happy experience and have expressed their feelings to us. A few examples of their letters can best express this happy story and make us realize that all our efforts are truly worthwhile:

"The dog we received from you has made a marvelous adjustment in our home and the entire family is very pleased. I doubt if we could have gotten a better animal anywhere, thanks to you. I will be sending you a donation to express our gratitude shortly."

"Tabby has adjusted beautifully to her new home no problems. I was greatly impressed with the cleanliness of the shelter and conscientious workers there."

"Yes our new dog is well-adjusted to his new home and family. We found everyone very polite and coop-

erative at the League. May we compliment your wonderful veterinarians also. Thank you."

"The animal we received from you on March 13—a then) 4-week-old kitten named Alexander Small—adjusted superbly on arrival, indeed took possession of the house with rare charm and force. He is robust, extraordinarily likeable, and has a vibrant personality. We are most grateful!"

"Shayol is well adjusted, giving and receiving much love and attention. The few problems in training will just take time and patience. Yours is the happiest family of cats and dogs I have ever witnessed in a shelter or pound. Good work. Thank you."

"Linda has adjusted beautifully! She was completely trained when we received her and has a marvelous appetite. We are very pleased, and think a spayed female makes a wonderful pet. Many thanks."

"I am very happy with the kitten and as far as being adjusted to her new home, she does everything but pay the rent!"

"The kitten I got from you has adjusted to her home very well. She is also a very clean kitten. I would recommend the Animal Rescue League to anyone that wanted an animal."

"We're in love!"

"Our little puppy is very well-adjusted to her new home. She is beautiful and the whole family thinks she is the cutest, smartest, most adorable puppy in the whole world. She is training very fast. We had her to our vet for her second shot and made an appointment for her third shot. (Even our vet said she had character). Thank you very much for your inquiry. Please keep up the wonderful service you are performing."

"The animal is very well-adjusted. She came in and made herself at home at once. She is very charming, affectionate, gay and clownish. I am very happy with her. She gives me many moments of joy and laughter. She is very intelligent and clever. She also has a good appetite, but she isn't greedy. She is:

50% Angora—she looks like one
25% Monkey—she acts like one
15% Rabbit—she hops like one
10% Mouse—she squeaks like one

So, how could I help but love her?"

"We are greatly appreciative of the dog we received from you. She is a fine animal, behaves well, has a good nature and is loved by us all. I recommend the Animal Rescue League to everyone."

Melissa Chin found a pet to her liking in the League's Pet Placement center.

"The dog we adopted from your agency is doing fine and quite well-adjusted. I have only praise for the procedures and services of the Animal Rescue League. Thank you."

"The dog which we purchased from the Animal Rescue League is doing fine. She seems quite happy and the children love her. We were pleased at how well-groomed and clean she was. Thank you."

"We have had no trouble at all with our new kitten. She was completely housebroken from the start and eats everything you list on your diet sheet. She is curious, friendly and completely lovable."

"Our dog has adjusted quite satisfactorily to his new home. Thank you very much for letting me adopt such a good dog. Bless you all."

ANIMAL CLINIC

► MANY PERSONS WHO come to the clinic with dogs which have been hit by automobiles, apparently quite concerned about the present condition of their pet, do not even then change their opinion that the animal must roam the streets free as a bird, dodging traffic and other hazards; this, apparently, is the only way the dog can be happy and healthy. So strongly do they hold to this opinion that the poor pet is sent out on his own with a large and often heavy splint on a broken limb. The result is retardation of the healing process because of loosening or bending of the splint in a crucial place, or wearing out or wetting of bandages and tape which bind certain splints to the leg.

The truth is—there is absolutely no harm in restraining a dog to a yard or leash if he is given adequate exercise. Many people have the mistaken opinion that it will make a dog ugly or vicious to keep him tied. When one considers the disadvantages (to the dog, NOT the owner who does not want the bother of walking his pet) he might be less inclined to open the door and say, "Out."

Most hazardous to the dog are our mechanical inventions—dogs never do learn the "sense" of traffic; some are hit by trains with terrible results; some are caught in motors, etc. Other hazards facing the vagabond are severe wounds resulting from fights, especially when large groups of males are seeking supremacy in a contest over a female in heat. There is always the possibility of contact with an animal suffering from a contagious disease, such as distemper or hepatitis, which may seriously challenge the pet's immunity to these diseases. Ear mites, fungus infections, infestations of fleas, lice, and ticks are examples of parasitisms which might not occur if the dog's activities were supervised. There are always garbage pails handy to provide a meal the result of which may be a serious bout of vomiting and diarrhea. Here at the clinic we see these results many times during the course of the year.

It is not cruel or unhealthy to keep a large dog restrained; the amount of exercise is probably not so much a question of size as of age. The older a dog becomes the less strenuous and the shorter become the exercise periods he desires or needs. The walks of the larger dog may cover more territory, the roughness of play and the room needed to accommodate the activity of very large dogs is naturally greater than for smaller breeds, but the *relative* amount of exercise needed is proportionately the same.

After the snows and ice of winter begin to recede during a thaw, or with the advent of spring we begin to see many dogs with feet cut by broken glass and cans just surfacing through the snow. Some of these injuries are very severe with blood vessels and tendons severed; many dogs lose large quantities of blood. Again, many of these injuries would not occur if the owner chose the places where the dog exercised.

Wild animals which are kept as pets are occasionally presented at the clinic. The problems attendant in keeping healthy and treating these pets are many due to several interacting conditions.

Many wild animals destined for the pet shops of America are caught while still dependent on their mothers, which are killed in the process of capture, since older animals would prove too intractable to serve as pets. As a result of their young age, improper conditions and diet, most of these youngsters die before reaching the States. Under these circumstances many of those which survive are in very poor condition and thus more susceptible to infections, parasitism, and are not inclined to eat. Many of these animals are never properly acclimated to a foreign diet and environment before being displayed and then bought by an individual who in many instances is not sufficiently interested in that particular species to learn its particular needs, especially dietary.

In many cases the animal is sick or becomes so shortly after purchase. To treat and cure these pets can become an almost impossible task. Some suffer from malnutrition so severe that there is no chance of saving the animal. They cannot be kept healthy on any scraps we happen to have left from a meal or haphazardly choose from whatever is available in the refrigerator.

When medication is required, it is a formidable task to administer when dealing with a creature unused to human handling and unwilling to be restrained.

It should be remembered that as these animals mature, they acquire the characteristics of the wild creatures they are, and many become unmanageable with the result they are killed or are put in a zoo (if it will take them).

The best solution to this dilemma is to stop the demand for these creatures as pets. Many species are becoming fewer and fewer in numbers as their territory is encroached on for agriculture or urban development, or as too many are killed or captured for their value as pet, fur, or hides.

Guy W. Mann, League's Director of Livestock Conservation.

LIVESTOCK

CONSERVATION

► The League's Livestock Conservation Department continues to work with all segments of agriculture and related industries. We stress economic handling of all livestock, thus alleviating cruelty to farm animals and other livestock. The program is administered by a Director of Livestock Conservation. At the present time the department supports two men, the younger of whom is being groomed in the livestock conservation field, thus assuring a qualified worker to carry on this necessary work in case of illness or future retirement.

The scope of this department extends throughout the six New England states. In order to attain the department's broad objective of "working with those who in any way control livestock to the end that good management, careful handling, and humane treatment of *all* livestock will result"—we publish a monthly release. This release reaches over 700 readers. In it we expound the knowledge and methods involved in proper management of livestock as applicable to the New England area. The Livestock Conservation Department is responsible for setting up exhibits at our New England agricultural shows and country fairs. Here printed material is passed out and explained to the public, care and treatment of livestock exhibited at these events are supervised, and meetings are held with the superintendents of these shows to assure proper procedures so that all animals are treated humanely.

This department arranges and conducts meetings and discussions where educational points on good management practices are demonstrated and explained. We work closely with several other agencies which are also involved in livestock education and in commercial agriculture. We are regarded as authorities in the field and our help and counsel are sought, particularly for new livestock ventures. We are very close to educational youth organizations, such as 4-H, Future Farmers of America, and grade schools, as well as many adult organizations, including the Grange, Farm Bureau, State Departments of Agriculture, Land-Grant Colleges, Agricultural Fairs, farm shows, humane organizations, trucking concerns, slaughter and livestock auction sales.

We are striving to keep pace with the horse population explosion, finding the greatest single cause of cruelty here is ignorance. We make available printed information as a source of corrective education to livestock owners. In many cases we make visits to the farms and stables where these animals are located. Then we advise and demonstrate proper livestock management practices.

We have done much to correct inhumane slaughter and are continuing to work in this area. Also, we now have proper control over the few remaining pregnant mare urine farms throughout New England. Modern methods of dispensing information, such as television, radio, films, news write-ups and slides are used extensively to alert the public as to proper livestock management.

The League also conducts two summer schools at which proper care of animals is demonstrated and taught. One school is supervised by the Livestock Conservation Director.

We are grateful for your splendid financial and moral support in the past and sincerely ask for continued support in the future.

HUMANE EDUCATION

Humane education is concerned with all phases of humane work. Every contact a humane organization makes with an individual or the public gives the organization an opportunity to educate that individual or the public about some phase of humane work. Every time an animal is adopted, a humane agency has the opportunity to educate the new pet owner about proper pet care. Every telephone call, every contact an employee or representative of the organization makes with the public is an opportunity for education. Viewed broadly, humane education encompasses a large area of human thought. It is concerned with all areas where man is attempting to better his relationship with man and all sentient creatures. The League staff is fulfilling this phase of humane education every day of the year.

Fortunately, the Animal Rescue League of Boston is in a position to promote humane education on a much broader scale. Basically, our education program has three primary aims:

1. To acquaint the community with the services the League provides;
2. To make children and adults aware of the need for giving humane treatment to all animals;
3. To help all citizens develop attitudes of kindness, understanding and justice in the treatment and needs of all living things.

In its efforts to reach and teach people, particularly the young, the League has, perhaps, one of the strongest and most diversified humane education programs in the nation. Consider, if you will, the scope of these League education programs:

a) Marionette shows presented during the school year in public and private schools

b) A Pet Care Information Center at the Children's Zoo from mid-April to late October

c) Animal Friends Summer School on Cape Cod

d) Brother Buzz Summer School at League Headquarters

e) A weekly TV program

f) Group classes in our auditorium and tours of shelter and clinic facilities

g) Exhibits and booth at various shows and events

h) Several special programs for retarded and emotionally disturbed children

i) Providing educational materials and literature to schools not only in Massachusetts, but throughout the United States and several foreign countries.

In the past articles have appeared in this magazine covering the League's two summer schools for children, our marionette performances and Pet Care Information Center, so we will devote a few lines to the TV program initiated in 1970.

Through the kindness of WKGB-TV, Channel 56, the League, since June 9, 1970, has made a weekly appearance on "The Bob Glover Show." This show is on six days a week from 3:30 to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and Sundays at 9:30 a.m. The League "star" is Roger Van Teyens, a young man who joined the League staff early in 1970. Roger appears on the Monday afternoon show each week for approximately five minutes, but in that short period has done much to educate viewers with the need for better care and understanding of pets. Using live animals as models, Roger has discussed such topics as: Travelling with Your Dog, Care of Kittens and Puppies, Selecting a Dog for Where You Live, Toys for Your Pet, Grooming, How to Build a Dog House—and many more. Watch for Roger on Monday afternoons—you'll enjoy the show.

This past year, also, has seen a turnover in our educational staff. After 30 years as a League puppeteer, Miss Harriett Flannery has retired. We are fortunate to find as her replacement a young lady, Miss Anne Durkin, who has an education degree and four years of teaching experience. Anne, incidentally, has worked summers at the League for several years. Anne joins Mrs. Gloria Holbrook as the League puppeteers.

As of January 1, 1971, Richard Bryant was added to the education staff. Richard, a Marlboro native, recently graduated from the University of Missouri with a BS degree, majoring in Zoology and Conservation.

We welcome both of these young people to our staff and believe with their energy and enthusiasm we may expect continued development of our programs.

THE BRANCHES

New home built in 1970 at the Cape Cod Branch for the Branch Manager.

CAPE COD BRANCH

LAST YEAR WE reported that the number of animals handled at our Brewster shelter far out-numbered the animals handled while the shelter was located in Provincetown. In 1970 the figures continued to mount, but more important were the end results. For example, of 1,100 dogs taken in during the year (114 on hand as of February 1, 1971), 317 were placed in new homes and 256 lost or stray pets were returned to their owners. In other words, 52% were either adopted or returned, a most satisfying result, particularly when one considers the number and quality of the dogs a society such as ours receives. In addition, 229 cats were placed in new homes and 21 were returned to owners.

It was a busy and satisfying year in other ways as well as our Branch Supervisor, Donald Westover, reports in the following paragraphs.

"Another year gone by? It seems impossible. Perhaps, even with the winter as quiet as it is on the Cape, we are busy enough not to notice the quick passage of time.

"We reported last year that our new shelter location here in East Brewster was doing excellently, and having used that particular word, I find no word more descriptive to describe this year's happenings.

"We have a third person working with us now. Mr. Robert Masterson, a school teacher in Brewster, works with us during the whole summer vacation. Bob says that he finds the work inspiring and a definite change from teaching mathematics in the elementary school. I think Bob is also finding that the work provides a liberal education in human and animal behavior and psychology.

"Among other happenings at the Cape Branch this past year, we now have a Pet of the Week project in cooperation with Sherwood Landers, Assistant Editor of the Sunday *Cape Cod Standard Times,* a Cape-wide newspaper. This has helped adoptions tremendously, and our thanks go to Mr. Landers for this and a few special articles about our work here.

"Mr. Ralph Hunter of Orleans, President of WVLC radio, has also joined the ranks of those who help us in our crusade to alleviate the suffering of animals. We now have a Pet Patrol station in our area, thanks to Ralph. Each morning at 9:15 a.m., Monday

through Friday, we announce from the shelter all of the lost and found pets in our area, from Provincetown to Hyannis, a radius of approximately 50 miles. This has proven, in most cases, that we do not have pet-napping on a professional basis here. One or two pets may have been pet-napped, but definitely not by professionals. Mr. Hunter also has given us a five-minute show on Saturdays at 9:35 a.m. called 'Animal Corner,' which we write and broadcast, giving helpful hints on animal care and interesting bits of information gleaned from our mail, work and professional magazines.

"The slogan used by the Animal Rescue League of Boston is also used at our Cape Branch on our Pet Patrol show as we always close with 'Don't give up, your pet won't.' Many people have greeted me on the street with this slogan, showing that the area is fast becoming pet conscious, and that they are also listening to our broadcasts. For all who have helped keep Pet Patrol and 'Animal Corner' a real happening, thank you so much. Special thanks to Gordie Benoit, Ted Bell, Kelly and Bill Martin, all workers at WVLC, for the special assistance rendered.

"With all of this going on, some people are going to say, 'When do you have time for the real animal work?' Well, all of my extra curricular activities are carried on after our animal friends have been attended to and cared for. Many rescues and complaints have been handled during the year. One in particular comes to mind, similar to the one last year of a Canada goose in trouble. Remember, last year it was a plastic six-pack rig that caused the problem? This year, a steel jaw-trap was the cause.

"Late in December, people in the Harwich Port area started to call in about a goose with a steel trap on one foot being in the area of Saquatucket Harbor and then in Wychmere Harbor. After about three or four trips to the area, I finally spotted it. The goose, knowing that it was handicapped, would not come ashore to eat with the rest of the flock, staying just two or three yards off shore in the water. Apparently, the goose was able to fly and getting by very well, except that he had to stay in the water most of the time, and with the cold weather we were experiencing, he might just freeze in somewhere out of sight. The object then was to get the rest of the geese feeding in close, and perhaps he might come close enough to catch. Sprinkling cracked corn very liberally all along the shore in Wychmere Harbor, we watched as the geese came ashore—all except our friend. So sprinkling more corn near the water's edge and out about a foot or two, our friend could no longer resist—he came within one or two feet of shore, dabbling for the corn on the bottom. When his head went under again—splash, in I went and caught him, but not before I was soaking wet and fairly well beaten about the face by the very hard wing tips. Walking to a dry section of the beach, we removed the trap and found to our disgust that the goose was going to lose the tips of two toes and a half inch or so of webbing. The wound looked clean and seemed to be healing itself, thanks to the salt water, so, deciding that our friend could now really fend for himself, we let him go. No coffee, no dry clothes this year, not even a single soul around to see us catch and release our friend. Well, this is true in most of our work. Sometimes a notice or picture of a rescue makes news, but the majority of work goes unnoticed, except by the animals who have been helped. Really, the rewards of our work come from seeing the joy of an animal freed from a trap of this nature or, other types of trouble, all caused, or most, I should say, by man, the *intelligent* animal.

"Removing the trap from the foot of the goose was simple compared to the removal of one from a skunk last November in Eastham. Mr. Skunk had a trap on his front paw, and not only that, he had the trap chain tangled in a pile of old bicycles in the corner of a garage. Fifteen or twenty anxious minutes later, minus the bikes and trap, Mr. Skunk looked around and as if to say, 'See, I can be a gentleman,' limped out of the garage, leaving nothing behind but one nervous agent and an empty steel trap.

"So go our days, never knowing what one will be called upon to do next. The ingenuity that may be required, or where I will be at meal time, at the table or up a tree, or perhaps in a small boat trying to rescue a dog or pet that may have fallen through the ice; putting dovekies back in the water or calling Sealand for help for a small dolphin or seal ashore.

"I'm very glad that my work day is not stereotyped by the nine-to-five limit, or sitting at a desk all day, wishing to be free with no satisfaction except on pay day. Humane work will always be joyful to me and needed by the world.

"From my wife Isabel, Bob Masterson and myself, 'Thank you—and don't forget to visit us.' "

DEDHAM BRANCH

► UNDER THE COMPETENT DIRECTION of Superintendent Arthur W. Foster and the capable assistance of John Jenner, the League's Pine Ridge Pet Cemetery in Dedham continues to serve the needs of those who desire a pleasant and peaceful spot as a final resting

place for a beloved pet.

Pet burial is not a modern innovation. Man has always, it seems, honored his faithful and loyal animal friends by ceremonial burial. That the cave dwellers had their dogs beside them in death, as well as life, is probable for in certain places the bones of dogs have been discovered in caves with those of human beings. The high regard in which the early Egyptians held certain animals, particularly cats, is well known, in fact they were not only beloved, but held sacred and honored accordingly.

We know, too, that in the 19th century a few cemeteries for animals were opened in Europe, the most famous of which, perhaps, is the one on the Isle des Chiens in the Seine River, just outside Paris. The League's Pine Ridge Pet Cemetery, begun in 1907, was the first small animal cemetery to be opened and operated by a humane society.

The snows came early this winter and have remained, but Pine Ridge is lovely even now under its mantle of white. But it is beautiful at all seasons of the year. In the spring when the first buds appear and the grass begins to show its green, it takes on an entirely new appearance. Walking into the cemetery one is struck by its beauty as fir, elm and oak all reach skyward and beds of tulip color the ground. Here in this quiet and beautiful setting are the graves of over 6,000 pets, and the many markers proclaim the love and affection which they bestowed on their masters in all walks of life.

And as spring merges into summer and summer into fall, the character of Pine Ridge changes also. There is then a golden hue as the trees proclaim their glory of color before the leaves drop, leaving bare sentinels to again prepare for the coming winter. But we know that come spring again the trees will leave, the buds will blossom, the flowers will bloom—so that in this place of death one cannot help but believe in eternal life.

Yes, as this is written, Pine Ridge is a fairyland of beauty, beautiful, as it is beautiful the year-'round, and an ideal setting in which to bury a pet when that sad day comes.

SHELDON BRANCH

Too often in our busy lives we are apt to overlook the help given us by others and simply take it for granted. Not so Agent Ed Duffy at the League's Sheldon Branch in Salem.

Looking back over the events of the past year, Agent Duffy wonders how the League could have fulfilled all of its missions without the help of various other agencies, for example, the Fire Departments of the cities and towns in which the League provides its services. Two rescues stand out in Agent Duffy's mind which, without assistance from the local fire department, might have had tragic endings.

The first case resulted when the League received a call to rescue a cat that appeared stuck on the first limb of a tree in West Peabody. The only problem was that when Agent Duffy reached the scene he discovered the first limb was fifty feet in the air. A call to the Peabody Fire Department brought aid in the form of a hook and ladder truck. With the arrival of the truck, it was only a matter of a few moments until the cat, safe and sound, was handed back to the little boy who owned it.

The second case was a bit more complicated. When Agent Duffy responded to a late afternoon call from Lynn, it was to rescue a cat trapped under a building. Upon investigation, however, Agent Duffy discovered that the cat had fallen through a hole into a false cellar. A call to Lynn's Fire Department brought immediate assistance from the rescue squad. Additional help also came from a few teen-age boys, who from their appearance were of the so-called "Hippie" generation, but whose hearts were filled with concern for the unfortunate feline. Working together, a trench was dug under the foundation, and one of the boys was able to crawl under the building and lower a board into the hole, which the cat used to climb out of his disastrous position. Had not this lad volunteered and since he was the only one around who was small enough to get to the hole, the cat, undoubtedly, would have died from exposure and starvation.

The League is most appreciative to those agencies and individuals who have given assistance during the year in the rescue of animals.

Under the capable direction of Superintendent Sherman Bates, assisted by his wife Norene, the Sheldon Branch has had a busy and successful year. Of all the work accomplished none, perhaps, is more satisfying than to find a good home for a good pet. This being the case, our staff at the Sheldon Branch have had many happy moments as they were able to pair-up a person and pet on 1,360 occasions. Actually, the increase in pet adoptions from our Sheldon Branch has been amazing. In 1967, for example, 434 pets were placed in new homes. So, in only four years an increase of 300 per cent has been made.

If you know of someone looking for a pet on the North Shore, why not suggest he visit the League's Sheldon Branch shelter at 378 Highland Avenue, Salem. If one is looking for love and companionship, that's a good place to find it.

RECORD OF ANIMALS HANDLED FOR YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1971

	Dogs	*Cats*	*Horses and Mules*	*Cattle and Calves*	*Sheep and Swine*	*Poultry and Birds*	*Misc.*	*Total*
Collected by Agents	7,924	18,974				205	955	28,058
Brought to Office	5,106	6,672				97	433	12,308
Clinic	13,561	3,542					84	17,187
Investigation Dept.	1,878	314	6,464	6,384	1,602	1,497	1,473	19,612
Sheldon Branch	2,742	8,583				180	249	11,754
Pine Ridge Branch	137	377				4	35	553
Cape Cod Branch	1,091	1,418				43	123	2,675
TOTALS	32,439	39,880	6,464	6,384	1,602	2,026	3,352	92,147

Number of Investigations	904	Cats Placed in New Homes	1,482
Horses Destroyed	12	Cats Returned to Owners	118
Dogs Placed in New Homes	4,095	Misc. Animals Placed in Homes	84
Dogs Returned to Owners	1,108	Number of Quarantines	1,203

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I give to the Animal Rescue League of Boston, the sum of ..... dollars (or if property, describe the property). The League's address is: Corner Tremont and Arlington Streets, Boston, Mass. 02116. Information will be given gladly.

Animal Collection Service Schedule

In order that our readers may be entirely aware of our ambulance collection service, you will find on this page an explanation of this activity.

We cover the following towns and communities every day, Monday through Saturday: Allston, Auburndale, Back Bay, Belmont, Brighton, Brookline, Cambridge, Charlestown, Chelsea, Chestnut Hill, Dorchester, East Boston, Everett, Forest Hills, Hyde Park, Jamaica Plain, Malden, Mattapan, Medford, Milton, Neponset, Newton, Newton Highlands, Newtonville, Newton Upper Falls, Newton Lower Falls, North End (City), Orient Heights, Readville, Roslindale, Roxbury, Somerville, South Boston, South End (City), Waban, Watertown, Waverley, West End (City), West Newton, West Roxbury

The schedule below lists the suburban areas which we service one, two or three days each week.
FOR THIS SERVICE CALL: 426-9170 or drop a card to us at PO Box 265, Boston, 02117

Monday

Allerton	Dedham	Kenberma	Need. Heights	Waltham
Arlington	Egypt	Montclair	Quincy	Wellesley
Arl. Heights	Greenwood	Melrose	Scituate	Wellesley Hills
Atlantic	Hingham	Mel. Highlands	Squantum	Weymouth
Braintree	Houghs Neck	Nantasket	Wakefield	Wollaston
Cohasset	Hull	Needham		

Tuesday

Burlington	Reading	Wilmington	Woburn
No. Reading	Stoneham	Winchester	

Wednesday

Arlington	Dover	Melrose	Saxonville	Wayland
Arl. Heights	Framingham	Natick	South Natick	Wellesley
Bedford	Islington	Needham	Sudbury	Wellesley Hills
Cochituate	Lexington	Need. Heights	Walpole	Weston
Concord	Lincoln	Norwood	Waltham	Westwood
Dedham	Medfield			

Thursday

Allerton	Egypt	Hull	Nantasket	Squantum
Atlantic	Hingham	Kenberma	Quincy	Weymouth
Braintree	Houghs Neck	Montclair	Scituate	Wollaston
Cohasset				

Friday

Arlington	Greenwood	Need. Heights	Stoneham	Wellesley
Arl. Heights	Melrose	Ponkapog	Wakefield	Wellesley Hills
Canton	Mel. Highlands	Randolph	Waltham	Winchester
Dedham	Needham	Sharon		

For the following towns call 744-7910.
Beach Bluff, Beachmont, Beverly, Cliftondale, Linden, Lynn, Lynnfield, Marblehead, Nahant, Peabody, Revere, Salem, Saugus, Swampscott, West Peabody.

We do not pick up DEAD animals. Call the Department of Public Works for the city or town in which you live for this service.

It's "in the bag" for this cute puppy. Although old enough to make a fine present for some child, he is still a baby and not strong enough to "rough house." An older pup, three months and up, is better for an older child.